



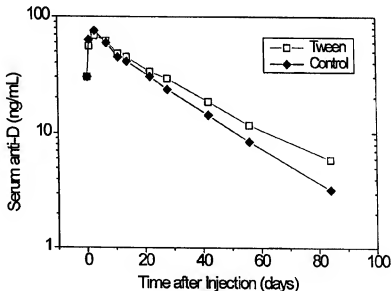
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(57) Abstract

Addition of a non-ionic surface active agent to an immune globulin formulation extends the serum half-life of relatively pure and non-aggregated immune globulin suitable for intravenous injection or infusion. The non-ionic surface active agent may be a sorbitan ester or a polyoxyethylene sorbitan ester of a fatty acid. Formulations of the present invention is therapeutically advantageous over conventional formulations in that an extended serum half-life of the immune globulin improves its therapeutic effectiveness, reduces the frequency of drug administration and/or lowers the therapeutic effective dosage required and cost of treatment.



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